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Two District Men Convicted of Carrying Out Nighttime Home Invasion and Burglary - Entered Home While Victims, Including a Baby, Were Asleep -

WASHINGTON - Rico Carr, 21, of Washington, D.C., has been convicted by a jury of charges stemming from the burglary of one home and the attempted burglary of another, both on the same day, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Carr was convicted on May 23, 2011, following a trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The jury found him guilty of burglary, attempted burglary, and other charges. He is to be sentenced July 28, 2011 by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary. The jury was unable to reach a verdict against a second defendant in the case, and his case remains pending.

A third defendant, Dawhan Archible, 17, of Washington D.C., who had participated in the burglaries with Carr, pled guilty to the crimes earlier in May 2011, just before the men were to go on trial. He will be sentenced on July 27, 2011, also by Judge Keary.

The government's evidence at trial established that Carr, Archible, and three others agreed to commit a nighttime residential burglary on December 20, 2010. The first attempt, on Corey Place NW, was unsuccessful. The five men then entered a residence in the 3800 block of 47th Street NW, through an unlocked door, at approximately 2:30 a.m. They stole property, including cellphones, a laptop, an iPod, and other items, from the residence while the people inside - including a baby - slept. When one resident woke up at the sound of footsteps, the burglars fled.

Carr was apprehended within minutes on 47th Street NW, wearing multiple coats, gloves, and a face mask. Stolen property was located on the ground near where he was stopped. Archible was stopped approximately an hour later, roughly five blocks away, with some of the stolen property and a face mask in his possession.

In announcing the convictions, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and particularly praised the work of Detectives Dejuan Williams, John Paprecka, and Charles Fultz; Sgt. Dustin Nevel, and Officers Richard Schwartz,

Michael Handy, Everett Copeland, Lauren Griffin, Paul Hustler, Michael Smith, Jose Mannechai, Darren Bemiller, Debajyoti Bhattacharjee, and Jason Bagshaw. U.S. Attorney Machen also commended the work of U.S. Attorney's Office Paralegals Wanda Trice and Tamaya Reid, Operations Manager Linda McDonald, Legal Assistants Tierra Nanches and Serrita Hill, Information Technology Specialists Kimberly Smith and Paul Howell, and Investigators John Marsh, Tommy Miller, Robert Jones, Nelson Rhone, Mark Crawford, and Durand Odom. He also expressed his appreciation to Montgomery County Police Detective Marc Frazier and Raymond Pilkerton of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney April Fearnley, who is prosecuting the case.

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